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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PDEV, RH, US

SUBJECT: RHODESIA: BRIEFING FRONT LINE OF HELMS AMENDMENT

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1. IN ABSENCE SENIOR GPRM OFFICIALS IN FOREIGN MINISTRY AND OFFICE OF PRESIDENT THIS PAST WEEK, IT WAS NOT UNTIL THIS MORNING THAT WE WERE ABLE TO FIND SOMEONE OF SUFFICIENT AUTHORITY TO MAKE MEANINGFUL DEMARCHE ON HELMS AMENDMENT. THAT OFFICIAL WAS PRESIDENTIAL AIDE SERGIO VIEIRA, WHO HAD ACCOMPANIED PRESIDENT MACHEL TO OAU SUMMIT IN KHARTOUM.

2. VIEIRA WAS WELL-INFORMED ON HELMS AMENDMENT. HE SAID HE WAS AWARE THAT PRESIDENT CARTER AND US ADMINISTRATION WERE DOING EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO DEFEAT AMENDMENT. NONETHELESS, HE SAID, IT WOULD BE A "DISASTER" FOR USG IF AMENDMENT WERE TO BE PASSED AND SANCTIOS LIFTED. HE SAID AMENDMENT WOULD NOT ONLY DESTROY ANY CHANCE OF NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT IN ZIMBABWE, BUT WOULD ALSO
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UNDO MUCH OF GOOD WILL THE ADMINISTRATION HAD BUILT UP IN AFRICA IN PAST YEAR AND A HALF. "FOR YOUR SAKE," HE SAID, "I CERTAINLY HOPE THE AMENDMENT IS DEFEATED."
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